

Anniston, Alabama

January 15, 2019

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at approximately 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Shane Denham, Chief of Police, prayed the Invocation.

Shane Denham, Chief of Police, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, and Draper; absent: Council Member Harris. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Jay Johnson, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive and approve the minutes from the January 08, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick, and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins, and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Jim Montgomery, PO BOX 1870, wants to say to Council Member Harris, Mayor Draper, Council Member Jenkins, Mayor Draper, and City Attorney that you will reap what you sow; to approve a censure on the two black council members is wrong. He states that it is against the Alabama law because the legislature did not give them that authority.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Rd., stated that he will not let the police or the City railroad his family.

Ralph Bradford, requested to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, February 5, 2019; and also requested some information: what year did the city change from Mayor-Council to Council-Manager form of government, did the citizens vote for this form of government, and was it pre-cleared by the U.S. government?

Minister Sean McClellan, 1518 McDaniel, wanted to speak on behalf on where he is being effected, when you gag our representatives you are gagging the 1200 constituents in their wards; He stated that the council was voted to represent the city but he does not see it.

Shanika Pittman, 622 West Anniston, stated that she will stop coming and asking the council to get things fixed because they won't get it done; it is a color thing when it comes to the City of Anniston, which is why things do not get done.

Elijah Reddick, 1309 Crane Ave, what he sees so far is Jim Crow rules and laws, when it comes to the City of Anniston; they hired the council to represent the city but they got in office, became their own bosses, and forgot about the citizens. We need to quit being black and white and represent the whole city.

Jay Johnson, City Manager, introduced and read Resolution 19-R-4, Designating Roadway Functional Classification:

Resolution 19-R-4
Designating Roadway Functional Classification

Whereas, the section of roadway beginning on Ossington Avenue at the intersection with Summerall Gate Road and extending north on Ossington Avenue and Coxwell Avenue to the intersection with Baltzell Gate Road serves as collector roadway that feeds arterials and provides access to local streets. This section is generally a lower volume roadway that accommodates shorter distance trips. It is best suited more appropriately classified as a "Collector Road" with respect to the Calhoun Area MPO's functional classification system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Anniston, Alabama as follows:

The Council hereby adopts the "Collector Road" functional classification for the section of roadway beginning on Ossington Avenue at the intersection with Summerall Gate Road and extending north on Ossington Avenue and Coxwell Avenue to the intersection with Baltzell Gate Road. The Council formally requests that the Calhoun Area MPO reclassify this section of roadway and designate the same as a "Collector Road" for purposes of its transportation planning process and related purposes and activities.

PASSED and ADOPTED on this 15th day of January 2019.

By:/s/ Jack Draper, Mayor
By:/s/ Jay Jenkins, Council Member
By:/s/ David Reddick, Council Member
By:/s/ Benjamin Little, Council Member

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 19-R-4; The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and Resolution 19-R-4, was passed and adopted.

Council Member Little made a motion to terminate the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to table the motion to terminate the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Little and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Reddick and Little, nays: Council Member Jenkins and Draper. The motion to table failed.

On call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Reddick and Little; nays: Council Member Jenkins and Draper. The motion to terminate the City manager failed.

Council Member Little thanked everyone for coming out; He mentioned the previous work session and the comments that were made about it, no one would sit there and allow others to defame their character and slander their name.

Council Member Reddick stated that when the elite class tries to steal from the working class they try to criminalize and villainize their leaders; what is going on behind closed doors? The question isn't black vs. white, but who is stealing?

Council Member Jenkins had no comment.

Mayor Draper thanked everyone from coming out; He stated to vet what is coming from the microphones up here, just because someone says it does not make it true.

There being no further business to come before the meeting at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Reddick; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little and Draper nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:19 o'clock p.m.